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Introduction

Minnesota Statutes, section 62J.497, Subd. 5(b) requires that

> *"By January 1, 2014, the Minnesota Administrative Uniformity Committee shall develop the standard companion guide by which providers and group purchasers will exchange standard drug authorization requests using electronic data interchange standards, if available, with the goal of alignment with standards that are or will potentially be used nationally."*

In fulfillment of the statute, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) convened the Minnesota Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC) and adopted Version 1.0 of the companion guide described above in 2013. In order to continue to align the companion guide with national standards, Version 1.0 was replaced and superseded by Version 1.1 in 2014. Version 1.1 incorporates the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard version 2013101 by reference and is described below.

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The *Minnesota Companion Guide Version 1.1 for the Implementation of NCPDP Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA) transactions [NCPDP SCRIPT Standard version 2013101]* incorporates by reference the parts of the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide related to the electronic prior authorization transactions, including PAInitiationRequest, PAInitiationResponse, PARequest, PAResponse, PAAppealRequest, PAAppealResponse, PACancelRequest, PACancelResponse, and related NCPDP reference materials.

The *NCPDP SCRIPT Standard version 2013101* is available to members of the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP). Additional information about NCPDP and the *SCRIPT Standard version 2013101* is available at: NCPDP website.

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